

Meet The 2023 Candidates For SECA President Elect

Why do you want to be the President of SECA? What attributes and strengths would you bring to the position?



Crystal Campbell, SC

Why do I want to be President of SECA? I have thought long and hard about running for SECA President for I was not totally sure that I was knowledgeable and seasoned enough for such a high honor. However, when the deadline was extended I felt this was a door opening for me to at least try. So, I prayed and discussed the opportunity with my family and friends, I realized that I am knowledgeable and capable of serving.

As SECA President I want to serve the teachers, directors, parents and children of the Southern States. I have spent my entire career teaching. I love teaching and sharing and watching the excitement of children learning, helping families and building up the teaching profession. I want to be a part of an organization that strives to help and nurture families and children. I want to be SECA President to build relationships with all of the States so we can see that we have more in common than we know. I want to be a change agent that supports diversity, inclusion and equity for ALL children. SECA is and should be that type of organization and I would deem it an honor to be a servant leader to help make it happen.

I bring to the table my expertise in early childhood, my leadership ability, my interpersonal skills, my love of people and most importantly my love for my Savior Jesus Christ.



Collette Sawyer, OK

My desire is to be a part of something bigger than myself, to make a difference and have an impact that builds a brighter future for young children. By aligning myself with and partnering with others who have a vision for providing high-quality care for young children as well as the staff who are caring for and teaching them, I believe we make a difference. I witnessed firsthand the heart, vision, and passion SECA has for young children, their families as well as those who care for and teach them when I participated in the strategic planning meeting. My heart was connected to SECA.

I will bring to the organization passion, leadership, organization, and a willingness to learn. In addition, I will come with a desire to dive deep and engage with others to make an impact in our industry. As a former teacher, administrator, coach, and now a project manager, I bring over 35 years of dedication, and extensive experiences in early childhood to the association and our membership.